

Clinical or Community Partnerships

Texas A&M International University Canseco School of Nursing BSN

Laredo Medical Center

Laredo Speciality Hospital

Doctors Hospital

Project JUMP START - The program is designed to offer academic credit for both the student and the preceptor. Twenty beginning students will be employed as Nurse Technicians by the hospital partner, and their daily patient care assignments will be overseen by ten preceptors (BSN prepared). One faculty member will coordinate the learning experiences of all twenty students' integrated hospital clinical experiences and simulation lab. Preceptors will be oriented and mentored through a grant-funded nurse educator seminar that may be taken for either academic credit or continuing education credit.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$450,000 per year

Grant monies used: yes, requesting from THECB

Expected benefits from partnership:

- increase the number of students admitted
- increase the number of on-time graduation
- keep graduates in the Laredo and South Texas area to meet the nursing shortage
- prepare clinical nurse educators
- allow students to use hospital work hours in skills
- allow faculty to coordinate clinical slots with community college, MT, NA and LVN programs

Challenges from partnership:

- limited number of hospital beds for all of our community programs
- clinical rotations
- preceptors have 20 students instead of 1:10 ratio
- preceptor interest
- expanding simulation laboratory

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